

As a member of the public that owns the United States airwaves, I highly resent Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to use their media control for partisan purposes. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. The public needs to have control over the airwaves. Should Sinclair broadcast lopsided partisan programs, the FCC should consider mandating that all media outlets provide free access to the airwaves for our political candidates. That would be in the best interests of the country.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.